# Bournemouth Borough Council Online Portal Self Service User Guide - Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Council Tax Reduction

Go to the login screen at <a href="www.bournemouth.gov.uk/openaccess">www.bournemouth.gov.uk/openaccess</a> The portal will allow you to view your records online. This service will not be available 04:00 – 07:00 (Monday to Friday)

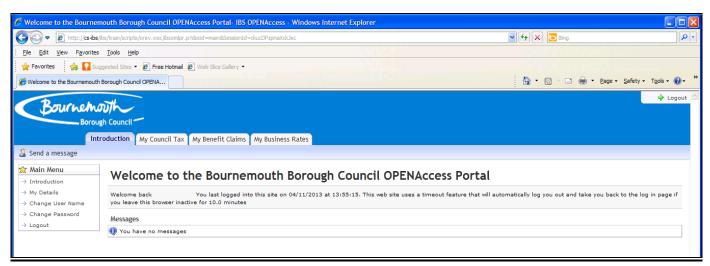


User ID :- <as specified in your email> Password :- <as specified in your letter>

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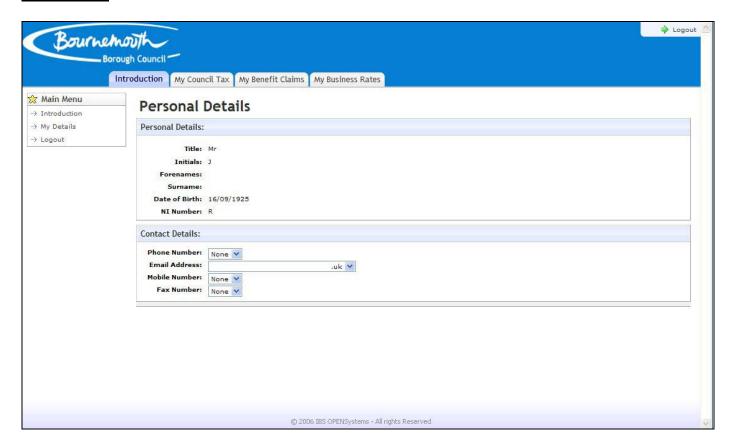
### Introduction

This page allows the Revenue and Benefits Service to send you information that may relate to your Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Council Tax Reduction. These will appear as messages on this page. Once you have read the record you will be able to click that you have read the message. This will remove it.



As part of the introduction page there is a MAIN MENU, this allows you to see the details held by the Revenue and Benefits Service and change your username, password. You are also able to update your contact details from <My Details> If you do notice a discrepancy please contact our office at <a href="Revenue&Benefits@bournemouth.gov.uk">Revenue&Benefits@bournemouth.gov.uk</a>.

# **My** Details

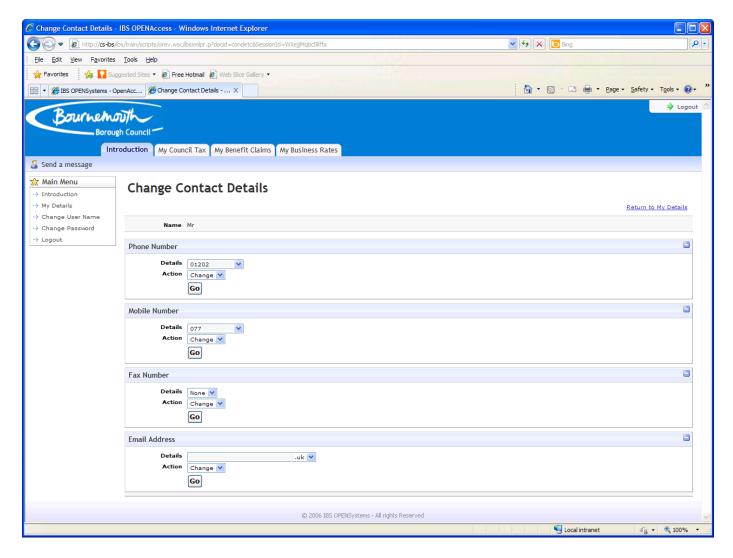


The logout function is available from this menu and via the top right hand corner. This web site uses a timeout feature that will automatically log you out and take you back to the log in page if you leave this browser inactive for 10.0 minutes.

# **Change my Contact Details**



Your Contact details are held under four sub-types (Phone, Mobile, Fax, Email), these can be updated by using <Change Contact Details>





Change - Change an existing record held by us

Add - Add additional contact details

Delete - Remove contact details held by us.

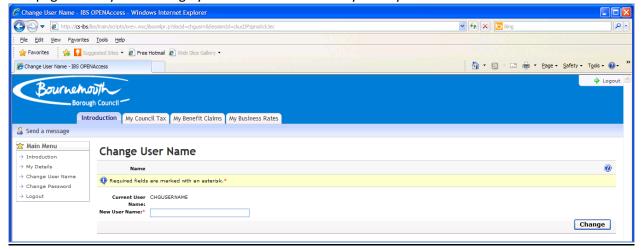
Choose the action you want to take and select <Go>

Depending on the option you select the screen will present an additional field for you to complete

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### **Change USER Name**

This page allows you to change your user name to one of you may find easier to remember.



The system will confirm that the user name entered has not already been used and will display the following message if the update has been accepted.



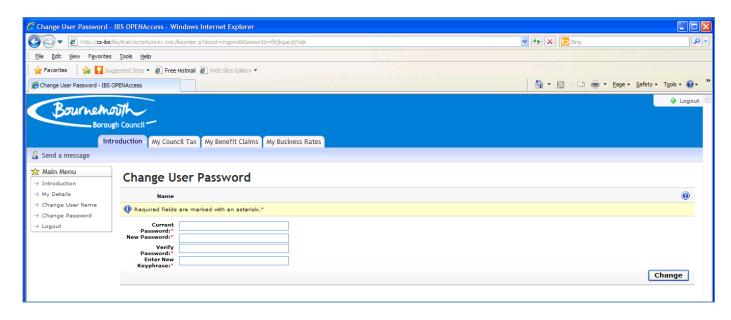
Your previous user name will cease to function with immediate effect.

If the user name has already been used the following message will be displayed, please choose another username.



# **Change Password**

This page allows you to change your password to one of you may find easier to remember.

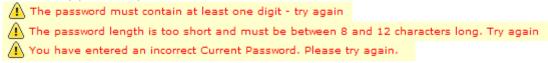


To change your password simply enter your current or intial password <CURRENT PASSWORD>

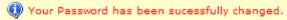
Your new password must be between 8 and 12 characters long and contain at least one number, you need to enter this twice to confirm the change.

A keyword is also required as a way of helping you remember your password. (This is limited to 30 characters) For example: Favourite Fruit

Reason why your new password would fail verification

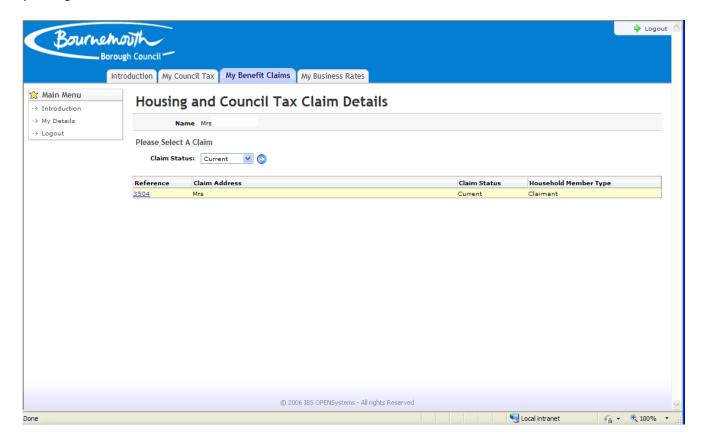


### Password updated.



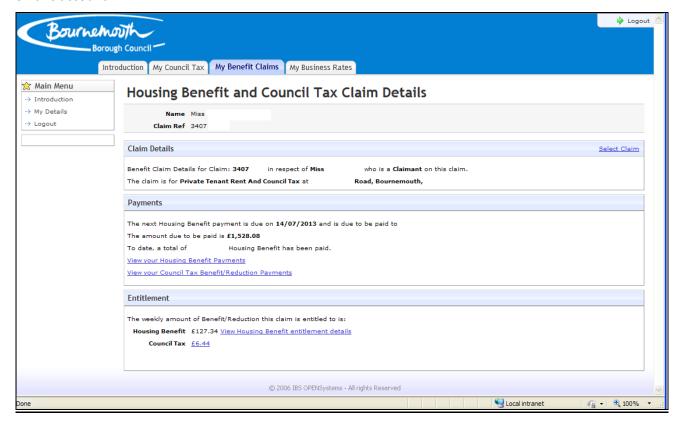
# **My Benefit Claims**

This allows you to see all Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit or Reduction accounts that have been linked with your login credentials;



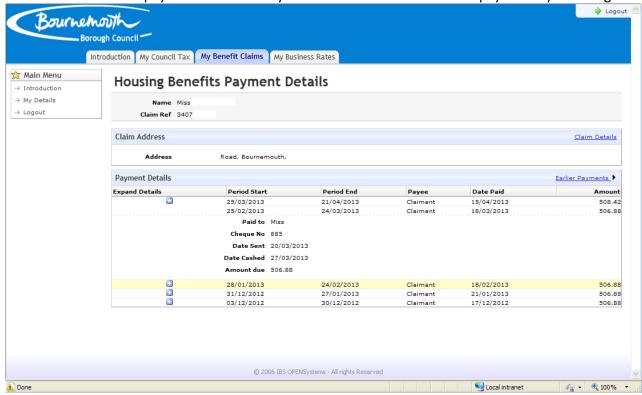
The filter enables you to view only the records within the Claim Type you have selected.

The reference (also known as the Claim Reference) is shown in blue. This allows you to gain further information on this account.



### **Payments**

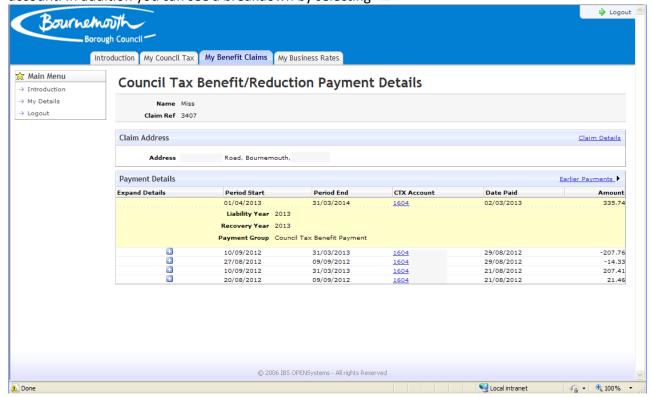
**View your Housing Benefit Payments** - This shows payments made, amount paid, date paid, period covered and who received the payment. In addition you can see a breakdown of the payment by selecting



You can view earlier payments by selecting



**View your Council Tax Benefit or Reduction Payment** - This shows the credits and debits on your Council Tax account. In addition you can see a breakdown by selecting



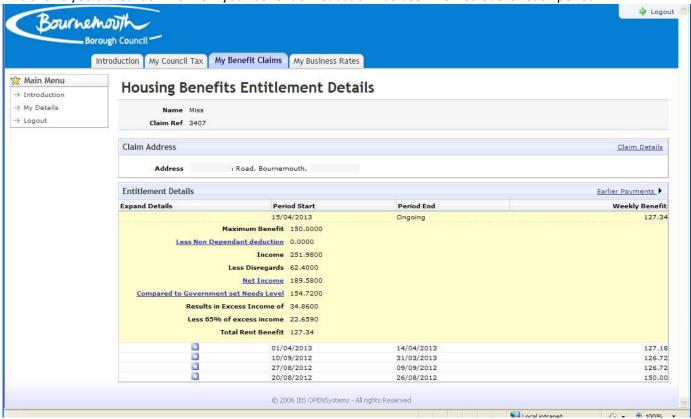
The CTX Account will take you to My Council Tax for this account.

### **Entitlement**

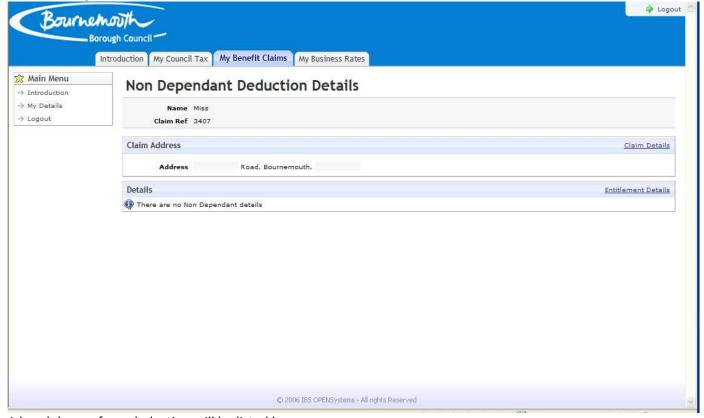
### Housing Benefit (view Housing Benefit entitlement details)

### **Council Tax (select entitlement)**

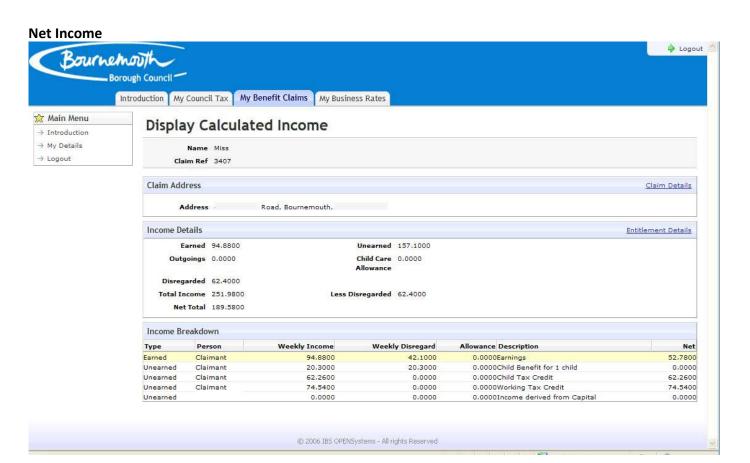
This shows you a breakdown of how your benefit or reduction has been worked out for each period.



**Less Non Dependant Deduction** 



A breakdown of any deduction will be listed here.



### **Compared to Government set needs Level**

